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1. BOKASSA SUCCESSFULLY JUMPED HURDLE OF MAY SALARY PAYMENTS BY OBTAINING ADVANCE FROM RELUCTANT LOCAL BANKS WHO WERE PRODDED BY FRENCH. IN MAY 22 SPEECH HE BLAMED FINMIN KOYAMBA AND THREE OF HIS SUBORDINATES FOR PAST DELAYS IN PAYMENT. THEN ON MAY 29 HE PROMULGATED TWO DECREES SETTING FORTH ORDER IN WHICH AVAILABLE PUBLIC FUNDS WILL IN FUTURE BE USED TO PAY FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND SALARIES.

2. PRESIDENT RETURNED FROM SECLUSION IN BOBANGUI TO BANGUI MAY 21 AND REALLY CAME OUT SWINGING. HE GAVE SEVEN SPEECHES IN EIGHT DAYS, MOST OF WHICH WERE REPEATED FREQUENTLY ON RADIO AND TV. HIS INTENTIONS WERE OBVIOUSLY TO SHOW TO POPULATE THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH IN CHARGE OF
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AFFAIRS, AND THAT HE WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR NATION'S

FINANCIAL FLIGHT.

3. IN NEW SERIES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL CHANGE FOLLOWING
DISMISSAL OF ARMY COMMANDER KOLINGBA, CAPTAIN FIDELE
OKROU, BOKASSA'S SON-IN-LAW WAS PROMOTED TO MAJOR
AND PLACED IN CHARGE OF AIR FORCE. MEANWHILE SOVIET
TRAINING OF M'BAKA ELITE CORPS, NOW THOUGHT TO NUMBER
ABOUT NINE HUNDRED, CONTINUES AT BOBANGUI.

4. ACCORDING TO SUCH INFO AS IS AVAILABLE, NONE OF ABOVE
MEASURES HAVE APPRECIABLY REDUCED BASIC DISSATISFACTION,
AND POLITICAL TENSION MENTIONED REFTEL REMAINS HIGH.
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